IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Rikuro OBARA et al. Group Art Unit: 2834

Application No.: 09/895,176 Examiner: I. Mohandesi

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For: SPINDLE MOTOR AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Respectfully submitted,

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